

BIGGEST LEEVES FOR GREAT BRITAIN

Lord Balfour Declares Former Weakness Now Is Being Remedied.

CONSCRIPTION BRINGS ON HEATED DEBATE

Irish Member of Commons Bitterly Scores Idea—Liberal Sees Defeat Under Volunteer System.

LONDON, September 16.—The adequacy of the air service has been the subject of some criticisms in the house of commons. Arthur J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, admitted that the provisions which had been considered sufficient at the beginning of the war had to be materially developed. He said, however, that the service was now being supplemented far more rapidly than was the danger it was organized to meet.

There had been a great strain, Mr. Balfour continued, on the supply of anti-aircraft guns. The development of an aerial offensive had not been foreseen before the war, but the naval air service was now of great dimension. "I cannot say," Mr. Balfour said, "that there will be a discontinuance of the attacks on London. But no one will suggest that such methods of terrorism are going in the slightest degree to shake the resolution of the British people."

Earlier Preparation Best.

Mr. Balfour frankly admitted that he was much surprised to discover, when appointed first lord of the admiralty, that he was responsible for the aerial service, which had only a remote connection with naval work. If the government had set to work three or four years before the war, with full knowledge of the requirements of aerial warfare, he said, the defenses of London undoubtedly would have been much better organized, but he hoped that the organization was now in a fair way to be complete.

London Should Be Immune.

In respect to the protection provided against Zeppelins London had been unfavorably contrasted with Paris. Such a comparison was most unfair, Paris was a fortified city, in fact, a great fortress, whereas London was not a fortified city. None knew that better than the Germans, and under the rules of civilized warfare, London should be immune from the attacks to which she had been subjected. But he confidently hoped that the efforts of the admiralty would lead to a great diminution in the danger which might be anticipated from German airships.

Denounces Conscription.

After Mr. Balfour had spoken the debate turned on conscription. John Dillon, nationalist for East Mayo, vehemently denounced it. He said that Pitt had been subjected to it, but he had done Irishmen had been sent to jail; if it were not for Lord Northcliffe's title, conscription would have been sent to jail long ago. Leo George Chiozza Money, liberal, said that the country would never have enough men and munitions to win the war. There was great danger, he said, of undermining the economic resources of the enemy. Last month Germany had produced more pig iron than in any month since the war started. In the fourteenth month of the war, he contended, Germany was stronger than at the beginning.

Must Have Good Evidence.

Stephen Walsh, laborite, said that 50 per cent of the members of the house of commons elected to support the conscription system before abandoning it, he declared, to support the innovation.

Joseph C. Wedgwood, liberal, urged that government to appoint a royal war office committee to prepare a scheme of conscription, the necessity of which, during the course of the war, had been abundantly demonstrated. David Marshall Mason, liberal, regarded the utter crushing of Germany as a military impossibility. He expressed disappointment that the premier's speech did not give some hope of an honorable and early termination of the war. He thought the house was entitled to a more definite declaration of the government's policy than it had yet received.

No Peace Proposals.

On motion for adjournment, Mr. Mason raised the question concerning a report that Germany had made peace overtures. Lord Robert Cecil, undersecretary for foreign affairs, replied that Germany had made no peace proposals, nor could he imagine any being made at the present time which would be acceptable to the allies.

BRITISH ORDER GIANT AERIAL DESTROYERS

Visit of Commander Porte to United States and Canada Is Just Revealed.

NEW YORK, September 16.—Friends of Squadron Commander John Cyril Porte of the royal naval aviation depot at Hendon were released last night from a pledge not to reveal his recent visit in this country until he was back across the ocean, when they learned that he is due in Liverpool today aboard the White Star liner Adriatic. Commander Porte spent eighteen days in the United States and Canada on an inspection tour for the British government. None knew of his visit, and he promised not to reveal it until he reached the other side. While here Commander Porte visited the aviation factories at Hammondsport, N. Y., and then went to Toronto, where he witnessed the official test of the Canada, the new giant aerial destroyer, which the British government has ordered an unlimited number. They will be built in Toronto.

First of Its Class.

The Canada is the first of the class and is bigger and faster than the German Aviatiks, according to Commander Porte. It had its official test

GERMANS AFRAID TO SHOOT THIS AT NANCY.



GERMAN 42-CENTIMETER SHELL.

Herbert Corey, the famous war correspondent, who has been with the French army at the front, has written that the Germans have their 42-centimeter guns planted so near Nancy in France that they could drop 42-centimeter shells into the city, and perhaps destroy it. These are the shells which would tear the place to bits and ruin one of the beautiful cities of France. But the Germans fear to try. French guns are trained on Metz, a larger city. Mr. Corey saw a number of these already set up and aimed at Metz, ready to fire the moment the Germans dropped one of their shells in the French city.

under his supervision and is said to have exceeded all requirements by 20 per cent. Carrying a load of 2,000 pounds, it is said to have attained a speed of ninety-five miles an hour. It mounts rapid-fire guns fore and aft, arranged so as to enable it to attack aeroplanes both above and below. Hitherto it has been necessary for the aviator to climb above his enemy before he could deliver the deathblow. The Canada class will have two propellers, each driven by a 160-horsepower motor of the latest type, which are said to combine economy of fuel with absolute lack of vibration. Commander Porte said that these new air destroyers will carry at least 2,000 pounds of explosives in the shape of bombs weighing 25, 50, 125 or 200 pounds. Accuracy in bomb-throwing is said to be assured by a new device which will be used for the first time with these machines.

Personal to Rivermen.

Capt. John Netley has gone to Potomac creek aboard the power launch Benjamin N., on a bass-fishing expedition. It is probable Capt. Netley will be absent from the city for two or three weeks.

Capt. Ned Corbin, well known here as mate of vessels engaged in the North Carolina lumber trade, is temporarily in command of the ram schooner Jennie D. Bell, while Capt. Williams is taking a vacation ashore. Frank Coakley, with E. R. Coakley on 11th street wharf, has returned from a vacation spent at Colonial Beach and

in the river counties of Maryland and Virginia.

C. H. St. Johns, general manager of the Potomac and Chesapeake Steamboat Company, is in New York on business connected with his line on the river here.

T. P. Simmons of Charles county, Md., was yesterday a visitor to the office of L. A. Clarke & Son, on 10th street wharf.

Locating Buoys for Coast Survey.

As guides to the steamers of the coast and geodetic survey that will engage in offshore hydrography the light-house tender Orchid, from the local light-house district, is locating buoys off the coast of New Jersey. The work will require several days to complete, and the Orchid will then return to the Portsmouth depot to take up work in other parts of the district.

To install a flashing light on Goose Hill channel range, James River, Va., in place of a fixed light, the light-house service steamer Holly has left the Portsmouth station in addition to the change of light the Holly will be employed for several days in inspection and supply work along the James river.

J. H. Clyburn of Baton Rouge, La., was shot and killed while in his place of business yesterday and his brother, Monroe Clyburn, who succeeded to the police, is being held by the authorities pending an investigation. The two brothers, the authorities asserted, recently had quarreled over personal matters.

GERMANS EXPECT RUMANIA TO WAR

Papers Permitted to Publish News of Balkan Nation's Possible Early Action.

TROOPS CONCENTRATED ON BULGARS' FRONTIER

Immediate and Definite Explanation Demanded of Athens and Bucharest.

LONDON, September 16.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says German newspapers were permitted yesterday to publish sensational telegrams, intimating that Rumania's participation in the war may be expected at any minute.

The massing of German and Austrian troops on the Rumanian frontier has resulted in the Balkan nation making preparations for eventualities. A large part of her army already has been mobilized and reservists in other countries have been ordered home.

Cause for Animosity.

A steadfast refusal of Rumania to permit the transportation through her territory by Germany of military supplies for Turkey is supposed to have aroused the animosity of the central empires.

Recent advices from Rome were to the effect that negotiations were under way for the formation of a new Balkan league to be composed of Rumania, Serbia and Greece. Bulgaria, it was said, was not included in the negotiations because of her agreement with Turkey by which she will obtain possession of territory along the Dedeagatch railway.

Montenegro probably would act in accord with the other three powers, as she already is arrayed on the side of the allies in the war.

Bulgaria Makes Demand.

ROME, September 16.—Because of the concentration of Greek and Rumanian troops on the Bulgarian frontier, the Bulgarian foreign minister has instructed the representatives of that country at Athens and Bucharest to request an immediate and definite explanation, according to a Sofia dispatch to the Giornale d'Italia.

Press dispatches from Bucharest state that the Turks already have begun to carry out the provisions of the Turco-Bulgarian agreement. They have abandoned the barracks at Karagatch and destroyed the forts on the right bank of the Maritza river, taking the guns and barbed wire to the Gallipoli peninsula.

To Arrange Possession.

The Bulgarian prefect at Stara Zagora has gone to Adrianople to arrange to take formal possession of the ceded territory in the presence of the Turkish and Bulgarian ministers. September 15. The Turkish vail of Adrianople has gone to Constantinople to obtain instructions from the porte on the same subject.

An imperial decree ratifying the Turco-Bulgarian accord will be issued September 26, according to Constantinople advices received at Athens. The new frontier will be traced by German staff officers.

Bulgaria Gets Note.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, September 14, via London, September 16.—The ministers of the quadruple entente presented to the Bulgarian government this noon a supplementary note relating to Serbia's attitude toward the Macedonian claims of Bulgaria. The contents were kept strictly secret.

Secretary Appoints Peacemakers.

John B. Colpoys and Robert M. McQuade have been appointed by Secretary Wilson commissioners of conciliation at the textile controversy existing between workers in Philadelphia. R. B. Mahany of Buffalo, N. Y., has been appointed commissioner of conciliation to handle the strike of wireless telegraphers at San Francisco and vicinity.

NEW TASK FOR MARINES.

Will Occupy Gonaives Island, Off Haitian Coast, to Quell Uprising.

American marines will occupy Gonaives Island off the west coast of Haiti to quell uprisings there. Rear Admiral Caperton so reported today to the Navy Department.

A conference between the American

consul and a native committee representing President d'Artigue and representatives of the military factions will be held at Quatrebornes. Admiral Caperton said that the attitude of the military party in the vicinity of Cape Haitien was becoming more friendly toward the Americans.

The period allowed the Haitian legislature to act on the treaty establishing a United States protectorate over Haiti expires tomorrow, according to the understanding here. In view of the

improbability of favorable action by the legislature it is believed that Admiral Caperton will have to continue the existing status of government under martial law. All the Haitian custom-houses are in charge of United States naval paymasters pending agreement for a permanent arrangement.

Drops From Fifth-Story Window.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., September 15.—F. B. Nicholson, twenty-one years old,

a member of a prominent family of Dickerson, Md., who was brought here about a week ago a convalescent from typhoid fever, fell or jumped from the fifth-story window of a Boardwalk hotel yesterday and sustained what are believed to be fatal injuries. There were many persons on the Boardwalk at the time, several women almost fainting when they heard Nicholson's shrill cry as he struck near them.

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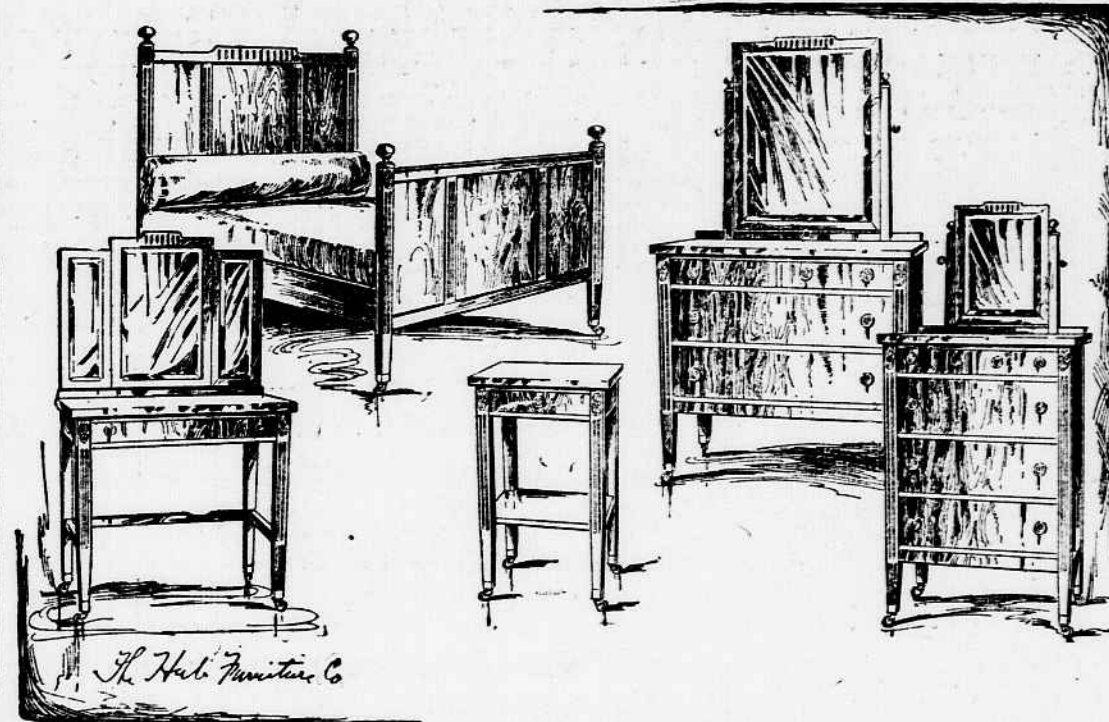
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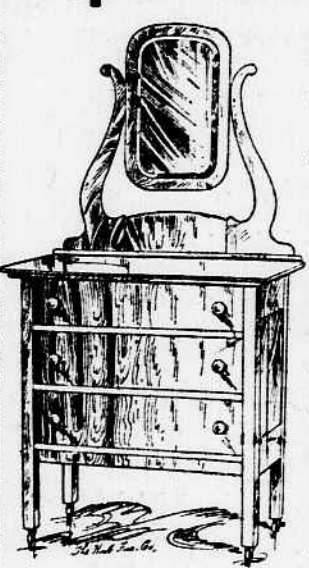
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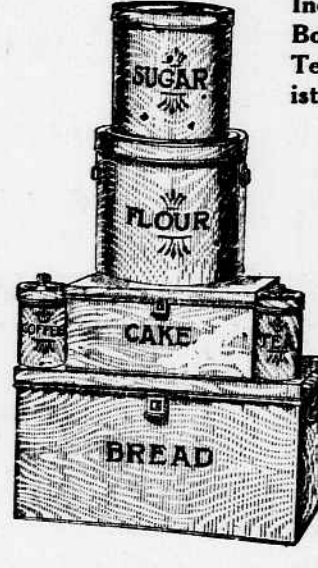
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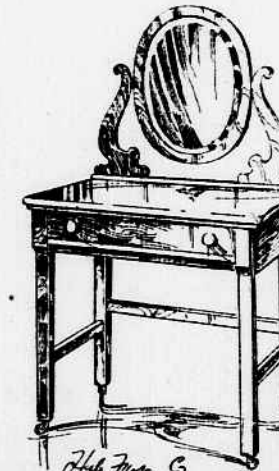
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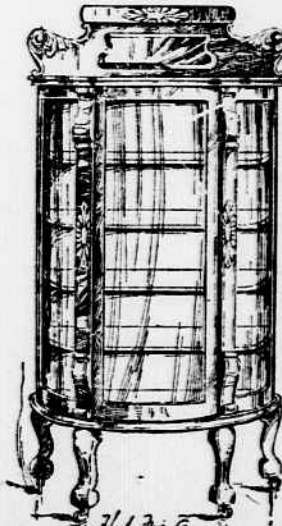


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